

16. The concrete proposal which I accordingly submit is that the International Commission should :—

- (1) place on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology* the undermentioned generic names :—
 - (a) the name *Portunus* Weber, 1795 (gender of generic name : masculine) (type species, by selection by Rathbun (1926) : *Cancer pelagicus* Linnaeus, 1758) ;
 - (b) the name *Macropipus* Prestandrea, 1833 (gender of generic name : masculine) (type species, by monotypy : *Portunus macropipus* Prestandrea, 1833) ;
- (2) place on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology* the undermentioned generic names :—
 - (a) the name *Portunus* Fabricius, 1798 (a junior homonym, and objective synonym, of *Portunus* Weber, 1795) ;
 - (b) the name *Lupa* Leach, 1814 (an objective junior synonym of *Portunus* Weber, 1795) ;
 - (c) the name *Neptunus* De Haan, 1833 (an objective junior synonym of *Portunus* Weber, 1795) ; -
- (3) place on the *Official List of Specific Trivial Names in Zoology* the undermentioned valid trivial names :—
 - (a) the name *pelagicus* Linnaeus, 1758 (as published in the binominal combination *Cancer pelagicus* (trivial name of type species of *Portunus* Weber, 1795) ;
 - (b) the name *tuberculatus* P. Roux, 1828 (as published in the binominal combination *Portunus tuberculatus*).

**SUPPORT FOR DR. L. B. HOLTHUIS' PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE
GENERIC NAME "PORTUNUS" WEBER, 1795 (CLASS CRUSTACEA,
ORDER DECAPODA)**

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Dr. Holthuis has informed me that you would like to have my comments on his proposal to the International Commission on the use of the generic name *Portunus* Weber, 1795. I am in complete agreement with this proposal as phrased by Dr. Holthuis, and I am fairly certain that all other American crab specialists would react similarly. The decision recommended in this proposal is the one which has been accepted by all American workers in recent years as far as I am aware.